

Availability of the draft Water Plan (Mary Basin), draft water management protocol, and draft water entitlement notice

1. Draft Water Plan (Mary Basin)

Notice is given under section 46 of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act) that the Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water has published a draft Water Plan (Mary Basin) (**draft water plan**).

The draft water plan can be inspected by viewing and/or downloading the documents from the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW) website at www.rdmw.qld.gov.au or at any DRDMW office.

Under section 46 of the Act, any entity may make a submission about the draft water plan. Submissions must be made to the chief executive, in an approved way (see section 4 of this notice), on or before 5.00 pm on **21 April 2023**.

2. Draft Mary Basin water management protocol

The chief executive has prepared a draft Mary Basin water management protocol (draft water management protocol) for the purpose of implementing the draft water plan.

Under section 68(2)(c) of the Act, a water management protocol for a water plan must be developed with adequate consultation with persons affected by the protocol as it implements the plan.

The chief executive therefore invites submissions from any person who would be affected by the draft water management protocol, as it would implement the draft water plan if the chief executive were to make a final Mary Basin water management protocol in the same form as the draft water management protocol.

The draft water management protocol can be inspected by viewing and/or downloading these documents from the DRDMW at www.rdmw.qld.gov.au or at any DRDMW office.

Submissions may be made to the chief executive, in an approved way (see section 4 of this notice), on or before 5.00 pm on **21 April 2023**.

3. Draft water entitlement notice

Notice is given under section 72 of the Act that the chief executive has published a draft water entitlement notice (**draft water entitlement notice**) for the purpose of implementing the draft water plan.

The draft water entitlement notice can be inspected by viewing and/or downloading the documents from the the DRDMW at www.rdmw.qld.gov.au or at any DRDMW office.

Under section 72 of the Act, any **affected person** may make submissions about the draft water entitlement notice. A person is an **affected person** for the draft water entitlement notice if the person is any of the following:

- a. the holder or proposed holder of a water entitlement
- b. the holder of a resource operations licence
- c. the holder of a distribution operations licence
- d. the applicant for a water licence.

Submissions must be made to the chief executive, in an approved way (see section 4 of this notice), on or before 5.00 pm on **21 April 2023**.

4. Enquiries and submission process

Submissions can be made and lodged via the following methods:

1. Complete the online form at www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au
2. Download the Mary Basin water plan consultation submission form from the [department's website](#) and:
 - a. Email the completed form to waterplanning.mary@rdmw.qld.gov.au
 - b. Post your completed form to:
Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water
Chief Executive
Water Planning and Science, South Region
Attention: Senior Water Officer
PO Box 1167
Bundaberg QLD 4670

For further information please contact us by email at waterplanning.mary@rdmw.qld.gov.au or telephone 1800 135 531

5. Confidentiality

Submissions should identify any information that is considered confidential. The Queensland Government will endeavour to maintain confidentiality of information that is identified in this way. However, submissions are subject to the *Right to Information Act 2019* and *Information Privacy Act 2009*, and information may be required to be released upon requests made under these Acts. Furthermore, other legal obligations, such as the processes of the courts or natural justice, may also override confidentiality.

Dated this 22nd day of February 2023

Hon. Glenn Butcher

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